

## HAWAII MUST NOT RETRENCH TOO FAR, SAYS MOTT SMITH

Abandonment of Projected Construction Work Creates Serious Situation Is His Opinion

### TIMIDITY CAMOUFLAGED AS PATRIOTISM CAUSE

**Urgent Enterprises Should Not Be Dropped To Put Money Into Funds, Asserts Supervisor**

Hawaii, with public and private construction programs suspended for the war and an approaching skilled labor crisis threatening the status quo of currency circulation, stands in a peculiar situation in which some means must be devised to "keep the ball a rolling," is an opinion expressed yesterday by Supervisor E. A. Mott Smith, chairman of the finance committee of the board of supervisors.

"To what extent can Hawaii retrench in the interests of the Nation without impairing her own well-being?" Mr. Mott Smith asks. "Would the Nation, which depends on us so heavily, consider it patriotism for us to allow vital affairs of the Islands to approach panic conditions through our eagerness to retrench and our conservatism in all matters pertaining to money outlay?"

Mr. Mott Smith, in the alarm, he feels about what may be the result of too much curtailment of the usual order of things, refers entirely to matters of public construction which should normally employ thousands of skilled men who are even now beginning to find themselves out of use and for whose services there appears no immediate demand.

#### What Can Be Done?

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Mr. Mott Smith believes that this situation can be met, and is outspoken that it must be met in some manner to offset impending paralysis in Hawaii at the end of the war if not in the course of it. The Territory, he points out, occupies a position that differs from any portion of the mainland owing to the fact that the withdrawal of money here is a localized matter, that conditions of the draft and of war industries which have prevented similar difficulties on the mainland are not present here, and that the degree of retrenchment in Hawaii has gone to unwaranted lengths.

"The conditions of the city's finances are unfortunate," said Mr. Mott Smith, "because of the number of city projects which are impossible under present conditions. There are, however, some things that can be done," he added, "provided that the city will realize the plight in which we stand and help them along. One of these things is the belt road project, in which I have taken a keen interest on these very grounds of social expediency. If these \$250,000 bonds can only be assured, that work can go a long way toward maintaining healthy conditions in the affairs of these lands."

**Loss of Commercial Center**

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Opinions which have been received from the war department from time to time have, Mr. Mott Smith believes, taken the same grounds with reference to the abandonment of business. The chairman of the finance committee frankly attributes the present unfavorable outlook to over taxation and similitude in the furtherance of affairs involving large sums of money. He says that retrenchment for the sake of investment in government bonds has played a much smaller role.

**Sugar To Blame**

In other quarters apprehension is felt in matters of the skilled labor market. This view is taken by City Engineer A. S. Cantini. That these men might all be put into productive places in the sugar industry is granted, although this is not considered a solution. And, in some opinions expressed on this point yesterday, the placing of skilled men in the cane fields would be a distinct downward step on account of the results that would follow such a move. Concentration on sugar production, to the exclusion of every other industry, is held by Mr. Mott Smith and others to be part and parcel of the present predicament in which the city finds itself.

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## NEW MANAGEMENT OF HACKFIELD NAMED

Custodian of Enemy Property Sends Selections and All Express Acceptance

George Sherman, president; R. A. Cooke, vice-president; W. J. Billingham, vice-president; F. J. Lowrey, vice-president; F. G. Atherton, secretary; R. H. Tracy, treasurer; A. J. Campbell; G. B. Wilson; A. W. T. Bottomley.

Officers and Directors of H. Hackfield & Company, Ltd., who are to be placed in managing which will be held April 20.

Reorganization of H. Hackfield & Company, Ltd., will take place on April 20. Full announcement of the lines upon which such reorganization is to be effected has been received from Washington and the list of preliminary have been compiled here. Regarding more than 16,000 shares of the stock of the company, shares held by stockholders and those held by the custodian of enemy property, and the stock held by the H. Hackfield Company, Ltd., the enemy held stock in which latter company has also passed to the custodian, he holds in control about 25,000 shares of H. Hackfield & Company stock and has issued instructions for the reorganization, details of action of the 16,000 shares and directing that it be directed to the company directors to take the same action for the company and stock, as simply gave the orders in how the reorganization shall be carried out.

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Walter P. Fouc and H. L. Scott, who were on the committee under the attempted reorganization of the H. Hackfield & Company, Ltd., have been appointed to the board of directors of the H. Hackfield & Company, Ltd., and are to be members of the board of directors of the company and stock, as simply given the orders in how the reorganization shall be carried out.

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**SEVERE FUEL SHORTAGE IS REILT IN MEXICO**

MEXICO CITY, March 1.—(Associated Press)—The fuel crisis in Mexico, especially in the northern states, has caused Alberto Paul, secretary of industry and commerce to investigate the mineral resources of the country and recommended to President Carranza exploitation by the government of what are termed extensive coal fields at Colonia Nuevo Leon on the banks of the Rio Grande, which have been worked in a desultory fashion for several years. Lack of rail transportation has been the chief obstacle to the development of the deposits and Mr. Paul proposes that the government build a branch line to Columbia, connecting with the National Railway System either at Sanchez or La Jara, points near Laredo.

**LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE ON MAUI IS PLANNED**

Complying with the request of Lt. Col. Teague, president of the First National Bank of Honolulu, who will open the forthcoming third Liberty Loan campaign in the Territory, the Maui Chamber of Commerce will conduct the campaign on that island and Maui is now taking form for the opening of the campaign on March 24.

At a recent meeting the secretary of the chamber was instructed to write to Honolulu for suggestions in connection with methods to be followed and for literature.

**COPPER IS SCARCE**

EAST, March 1.—(Associated Press)—The scarcity of copper coins in France is now said to be due to an incomprehensible hoarding of them, prevalent in the country districts. That is the conclusion reached by the Minister of Finance after an exhaustive inquiry. Frenchmen are also headed to considerable extent but the consequences are not so annoying because of the increased quantities of fractional paper currency put into circulation.

A law was introduced in the Chamber of deputies providing for the demonetization of all silver coins bearing the effigy of Napoleon in order to bring some of the silver out of hiding.

It is now proposed to include in the measure the demonetization of all copper money.

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**A FAMILY MEMORIAL**

Every family should be provided with Chamberlain's "Pain Relief" at all times.

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**UCHIDA EXPECTED**

TOKIO, March 22.—(Special to Hawaii Shimpō)—Arrival of Baron K. Uchida, Japanese ambassador to Russia, is expected in Tokio on March 24. He is reported to have arrived at Cossington, Manchuria.

## Program To Honor Carried Out Is German Claim

German Press Demands Exactitude With Plans As Results Are Remarkable; Kaiser Sends Message To The Empress Claiming Successes

BERLIN, March 25.—(Associated Press)—Official announcements issued yesterday by the war office state that the German offensive is winning steadily and is complete according to the plans made some time ago, which are being followed out exactly.

The Emperor has telegraphed from his headquarters at the front to the Empress, informing her of the complete victory over the British.

"I am pleased to be able to tell you," the Kaiser says, "that by the grace of God, the battle of Monschau, Cambrai St. Quentin and La Fere have been won. The Lord has gloriously aided us. May He further help us."

The Vienna Zeitung correspondent at headquarters has telegraphed to his paper:

## ITALIANS ACHIEVE CONTROL OF THE AIR

Long-distance Gun Fails To Shake Nerve of Parisians

Shells Throw More Than Seventy Miles Continue To Reach City But Residents Go About Their Affairs As Usual

LONDON, March 25.—(Associated Press)—Aircraft superiority over land forces was gained in the battle along the Italian frontier on Saturday when Italian planes on the western front exploded 200 yards away from British despatches from Rome. In addition to the eight destroyed, another Austro-Russians plane was put out of control and forced to descend. It succeeded in making its landing back of its own lines but did not stay after considerable difficulty.

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